

FORTUNE AT STAKE

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE STETSON WILL CONTEST.

MRS. SNODDY AND LAURA HERE

ARE OFTEN SEEN AND RECOGNIZED BY NORBORNERS.

The claimant is recognized as the daughter of the Carroll County Pioneer—An Oldtime Re-lates Chapters From Kate Stokes' Life.

A gentleman of many years' residence in Kansas City, but who for the present wishes his identity to be withheld from the public, said yesterday:

"I have been following the local developments in the Stetson contest with a great deal of interest. I knew John Stetson and I knew his wife, Kate Stokes, very well. She was the fourth daughter of Spencer and Emma Stokes, and one of the most beautiful girls I ever saw. I knew her from the time she entered the circus ring, a child, until she abandoned the profession and took to the stage in 1878.

"Spence Stokes was the greatest ring-master in the business and his daughter, Kate, the greatest equestrienne in the world. Stokes was always very careful with his daughters and his solitude for Kate was remarkable by all. But she fell in love before she was out of her teens. This was in Chicago, and the object of her affections was a horse trainer named Carl Anthony. He was an Austrian and came to this country with six trained Asstrakhan stallions. Barnum engaged him and in the company were Stokes and Kate. He was a handsome fellow and Kate was at an impressionable age. So they were married.

"Shortly after the marriage one of the stallions kicked Anthony in the face and maimed his beauty. The kick also killed Kate's love for she could not tolerate the depression where Anthony's nose was when she married him, and she left him and secured a divorce.

Lived in Philadelphia.

"In 1876 she created a furore at the Centennial exposition in Philadelphia and performed there all that season until late in the fall. She was in Philadelphia in the spring of 1877, at the time Mrs. Katherine Shirley, who claims to be her daughter and as such the heiress of John Stetson's \$200,000, says she (the claimant) was born in a Texas town. Her people were always with her and if she was to become a mother 'Spence' Stokes was the last man in the world to permit her to perform in a circus ring if he knew it, and one of the first men who would discover if anything was wrong.

"The last time I saw her was in 1878. She was then about 17 years old, and had abandoned the ring because of trouble with one of her knees. She was very beautiful and likely to give away at any time, thus making it exceedingly dangerous for her. So she went on to the streets of New York, where she was very successful. As a girl her beauty was striking. Her hair was black and her eyes large and dark. She was of a color. Her form was exquisite and she was the acme of grace. No, I do not think she ever was in Texas, unless her family was with her.

"Kate's mother, Emma, is still living and is in Massachusetts. Ella, her youngest sister, is the wife of John Doris, a circus man. They were married in a circus ring another sister, married Frank Pilling and is living in Illinois.

Widow Snoddy Still Lives Here.

"I would know the widow of John T. Snoddy," repeated a citizen of Kansas City who was born and raised in Norborne. "Know her? Of course I would, and do. She is living in Kansas City and I have seen her 100 times. Everybody in Norborne knew her when she lived there and if they could see her now they would recognize her. Her marriage to John T. Snoddy caused a great deal of comment at the time and everybody could see the end of it. John was the man who was the most interested. He was the founder of Norborne. He built the first store and the first house there. He was the town's first mayor and the first in every enterprise. But when he married Gloriana Ray he put his foot in it. He broke up the family and after his death his widow divorced it shamelessly.

"I have read the articles in The Journal and have watched the developments. I am satisfied that Snoddy was the last man in Kansas City. I know she is. She came to me here and asked me if I knew her. I recognized her as soon as she spoke and told her that I did not know her. I do not believe there is a man in the world who does not know her. She is a woman who has lived a life of luxury and I do not wish to know her. I passed her up long ago and do not know her and I do not wish to know her. But if I have to go to the front I'll tell you that she is a woman and true. I do not care to discuss her further."

Claimed the Blythe Estate.

"Gloriana Snoddy, as I remember her," said a woman in Norborne, Thursday, "was a peculiar woman. For a time an old man who she said was her father lived with her. His name, she said, was Ray, but some time after he died she declared that he was not her father and that she had cared for him because he was an old friend of her family. Then she declared herself to be the heiress of millions. Thomas Blythe, a San Francisco millionaire, had died without known heirs and she put her self forward as his daughter. A number of Missouri papers published her claim, but I do not think she ever proved it. She was Blythe's daughter and got his millions."

Laura Snoddy Is in Town.

"I will not tell you a thing about Mr. Snoddy's widow," said a sprightly matron, once a resident of Norborne, to a reporter for The Journal. "I know all about her. I have seen her on the streets of Kansas City often, and I have read all about her in The Journal. Yes, I met John Stetson when he was here. I met him when he was here. When he was here a woman who I am sure is Laura Snoddy walked up and down in front of my house waving him. After he left she came here and walked in as he did and she was the same. If I knew her, I told her the same. It was Laura Snoddy, just the same. I saw her, but I recognized her. I am sure she is Laura Snoddy and I do not like notoriety and must insist that

"A Cheerful Look

Makes a Dish a Feast."

"Cheerful looks" depend just as much upon physical well-being as upon natural disposition and temperament. If the blood is disordered, the brain is starved, and no "dish is a feast," for the reason that the vitalizing elements do not reach the proper spot. A step in the right direction is to purify the body by the use of a natural remedy. Hood's Sarsaparilla is Nature's remedy. It acts upon the blood, and whether the seat of the disorder is brain, stomach, liver or kidneys, the purifying process of this medicine is equally sure and successful. It never disappoints.

Eczema.—My daughter had eczema and it affected her eyes. The doctor said it was incurable. Her skin was now smooth and white and all on account of Hood's Sarsaparilla. I have taken it for weakness and can now walk three or four miles daily. Mrs. E. A. HANSEN, Sault Centre, Minn.

Castoria.—Nervousness caused by a fright made my wife suffer intensely from gastritis. Morphine was necessary to relieve the suffering. Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills were tried after all else failed and in four days she improved and in 14 days she was cured. C. W. T. SCHMIDT, Normal Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Grip.—Sixteen weeks of grip made me weak, but after all else failed, Hood's Sarsaparilla cured me. Later I overworked, and dyspepsia and canker in mouth and stomach bothered me. I took the Sarsaparilla again and it completely restored me. Mrs. ELIZABETH FOMAN, Exeter, N. H.

Malaria.—"I was a soldier, and after typhoid fever I had fever and ague, rheumatism and nervous prostration so that I could not work. Nothing helped until Hood's Sarsaparilla cured me completely so that I am now as well as ever. J. H. STILLMAN, Cheltenham, Pa.

Catarh.—Disagreeable catarh dropping in my throat made me nervous and dizzy. My liver was torpid. Hood's Sarsaparilla corrected both troubles. My health is now as good as ever. J. SMILEY, 282 Main St., Auburn, Maine.

Eruptions.—"I spent hundreds of dollars to cure eruptions on my right leg without permanent good. Six bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla completely cured my eruptions, and very grateful." HERMAN BARTLETT, 402 Ninth Ave., New York City.

Hives.—"Sleep was impossible on account of hives. I took two bottles Hood's Sarsaparilla and an entire cure. CHARLES S. LOZIER, Hackensack, N. J.

Poor Blood.—"The doctor said there were no more drops of good blood in my body. Hood's Sarsaparilla built me up and made me strong and well." STURGEON BROWN, 10 Astor Hill, Lynn, Mass.

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MEETING OF PROTESTING CITIZENS ON SOUTH TROOST.

General Manager Walton H. Holmes Receives a Vote of Thanks for Promises of Satisfactory Service—Other Action.

The series of meetings that have been called by the citizens living near the terminals of the Troost avenue cable line terminated last night in a "love feast" in the General Manager Walton H. Holmes of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, was the recipient of a vote of thanks for his promises to give satisfactory service to the patrons of the Troost line. The first meeting of the protesting citizens was called about three weeks ago.

Mr. Holmes addressed the meeting last night, and promised to furnish prompt and efficient service, and those present passed a resolution thanking Mr. Holmes.

After the cable line matter had been disposed of, the meeting passed a resolution protesting against the action of the park board in designing the park boulevard as a part of the South park system. The meeting also passed resolutions asking Mayor Jones to appoint either Mr. Richards or William Barton on the park board to succeed the late S. B. Armour.

BICYCLES AND BUGGIES.

Ordinance to Tax These Vehicles in To Be Recalled by the Council.

Councilman Berth's ordinance relieving teamsters of the license tax on their wagons, going to receive an adverse report from the upper house committee, and as a substitute that is expected to relieve the tax from the odium of partiality. The same committee is going to make a tax on bicycles and vehicles of every description, except those that pay a license tax, and the ordinance came up for passage at the council meeting next Monday night.

Several months ago Superintendent of Streets Sloan conceived the idea of having an ordinance passed which would impose a license tax on all vehicles of every description. The ordinance was drawn and passed by the council, but it was not until last night that it was introduced into the lower house.

At a meeting of the upper house public improvements and streets, alleys and Wyne, House, Monday night, it was decided to refer the ordinance to a committee to consider the ordinance and to report back to the council on Monday night.

The committee on the ordinance is expected to report back to the council on Monday night. The ordinance is expected to be passed by the council on Monday night.

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Ladies' Kid Lace Shoes, nice looking and neat fitting lasts, and very satisfactory wearing. \$1.50

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